GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INTERVIEW BY OIL PSU(S) FOR SELECTION OF SITES FOR RETAIL OUTLTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of interview conducted by the four oil PSUs for the selection ofnew dealers/owners of the sites for the proposed retail outlets during the last one year;

(b) the quantum of investments by the perspective dealers on these new sites;

(c) whether imposing sudden new directives are causing wastage of huge investments in the present scene of deregulation period;

(d) if not, whether the oil PSUs propose to commission such retail outlets whereall the process has been completed and the investments have been made; and

(e) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The Supreme Court of India, in its judgement dated the 20th December, 2002, has quashed the order of the Government dated the 9th August, 2002, cancelling allotments of retail outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships made on the recommendations of the Dealer Selection

Boards (DSBs) since January 1, 2000, except in respect of certain cases which were reported in the media.The Court has also appointed a Committee comprising a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India and a retired Judge of the High Court of Delhi and has referred these media-reported cases to this Committee for its examination. The Court has asked the Committee to submit its report to the Court within a period of three months. In respect of the remaining cases of selection, which are not being examined by the aforesaid Committee, the Government have advised the oil marketing companies to take further action.